

REMARKS

I. Interview Summary

Applicants thank Examiner Siew for his courtesy in discussing this application with the undersigned on February 12, 2004 during a telephonic interview. An Interview Summary is attached, which summarizes the issues discussed during the interview.

II. Amendments to the Specification

Amendments to the specification made in the amendment filed September 15, 2003 are resubmitted here because the amendment was not formally entered (see Advisory Actions mailed October 10, 2003). These amendments simply incorporate the appropriate sequence identifiers and thus add no new matter nor raise new issues.

III. Claim Amendments

The claim amendments in this paper are identical to the amendments submitted in the response filed September 15, 2003, amendments that initially were not formally entered (see Advisory Action mailed October 10, 2003). It is clear, however, from the language that is highlighted in the "Reasons for Allowance" that these amendments have in fact been incorporated by the Examiner.

That these amendments have been incorporated is clear, for example, because the language underlined in the Reasons for Allowance corresponds to the claim language from the September 15, 2003 amendment. Moreover, claim 31, which is allowed, was introduced for the first time in the September 15, 2003 response.

Thus, the current amendment simply formalizes entry of amendments that the Examiner has already incorporated and thus raise no new issues. These amendments are also supported as indicated in the September 15, 2003 amendment and thus introduce no new matter.

It is believed that no fee is due in association with this response because the September 15, 2003 amendment that the Examiner has effectively entered was submitted within

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two months of the Notice of Appeal that was filed on July 16, 2003. If, however, it is determined that a fee is due, then the Office is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account 20-1430.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application or has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at 303.405.8527.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Ausenhus", written over a horizontal line.

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